

ICE A SHROUD TO JOHNSTON'S BODY

Hope of Recovering Remains Abandoned After Sixty Hours' Search
MUST WAIT FOR SPRING

Efforts of Relatives and Neighbors of Missing Man to Find Trace of his Whereabouts Unavailing

That the mantle of ice that covers Hunting Creek from shore to shore for a depth of five inches is the winding sheet that hides the body of Ralph Johnston from those who love him and that mystery of his disappearance will not be cleared up until spring has melted the glossy covering of the creek is the belief of the parents and friends of the young man whose mysterious absence from home has convinced his loved ones that he has met with a fatal end.

All hopes of discovering his body virtually were given up at noon yesterday when, after nearly sixty hours the search was abandoned.

Ever since Friday morning, when he failed to appear at his home, and when his footprints were traced to the vicinity of the bridge a large number of residents of Alexandria and Fairfax counties have been making every effort to locate his body. For hours his father and a number of his neighbors stood in the freezing water up to their waists, breaking the ice with which the creek is covered.

Johnston's body is believed to lie under the ice north of the central span of the bridge. Here was found a small box of candy, which he had purchased in Alexandria, as a Christmas present for his mother on Thursday night a few minutes before the last time he was seen alive. On the road from Alexandria, 200 yards north of the bridge, was also found a gold ring, which he wore and which must have been taken from his finger before his body was thrown into the creek.

A hat, which has not been identified, and which did not belong to young Johnston, was found near the bridge and all these suspicious circumstances make the parents of the boy and their friends confident that a crime was committed.

When John Johnston, father of the missing man, first traced his son's movements on Thursday night, when he went to Alexandria to purchase Christmas presents, he found a hole in the ice large enough to admit a man's body, a few yards from where the box of candy was found. The ice in the vicinity of this hole was chopped away, but it is believed that the tide from the Potomac carried the body either up or down the creek. The ice covers the creek to a depth of about five inches and as fast as holes are cut it immediately freezes over. The tide ebbs and flows underneath the ice.

An attempt was made to use dynamite to blow up the ice, but this did not prove successful, as the explosive could not be used in the immediate vicinity of the bridge for fear of damaging that structure.

KILLED BY A YOUTH

Bristol, Va., Dec. 28.—Bradley Davidson, 22 years old, and manager of the Abingdon exchange of the Bristol Telephone Company, was shot and almost instantly killed at Glade Springs, at 9 o'clock Saturday night, by James Alterman, 14. Davidson was calling upon Miss Alterman, sister of the boy, when the latter came into the room with a loaded pistol. It is claimed the shooting was accidental.

HOSPITAL BOARD MEETING

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alexandria Hospital will be held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, Monday December 28th 1914, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering changes in the by laws and for such other business as may be properly presented.

Arthur Herbert, Jr., Secretary.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Col. Arthur MacArthur, grand master of the grand encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, died suddenly of apoplexy at his home in Troy, N. Y. Colonel MacArthur was the editor and proprietor of the Troy Northern Budget, and was widely known as a newspaper man. He was a prominent Republican. For many years Colonel MacArthur was prominently identified with Masonry, and was elected grand master of the grand encampment at Denver, Colorado, in 1913. He had been a Mason since 1872.

The policy of Roumanian alliance with the powers of the Triple Entente has obtained such powerful support that even the conservative leader, M. Magiloman, whose leaning is rather to the side of Germany and Austria, was forced to declare at a meeting of his party committee that he was in favor of action against Austria and Germany. For sometime past there have been successive Italo-Roumanian manifestations, culminating in the foundation in Rome of an Italo-Roumanian league. The minister of finance today will introduce a measure giving for the authorization of a water credit of \$40,000,000.

The Hindu temple at Filbert and Webster streets, San Francisco, was wrecked yesterday afternoon when a religious fanatic named Vavara exploded a dynamite bomb at the feet of the Swami Trigunatita during services. Vavara was killed instantly, the bomb blowing him almost in two. The Swami was horribly injured about the legs and feet. Of the congregation, about 35 persons, four were injured.

The Italian cruiser Calabria, now at Beirut, has been instructed to help the United States cruiser North Carolina should the necessity arise because of further demonstrations against the departure of Europeans from Turkish ports.

HOWARD'S TRIAL JANUARY 20th

Former Banker to Face Charge of Embezzlement

A. Randolph Howard, the former banker of Fredericksburg, Va., who is charged with embezzlement, will be tried in that city on Wednesday, January 20th.

The accused man was first tried in Alexandria on the charge of lending funds of the Conway, Gordon and Garnett National Bank in violation of the federal banking laws, and was sentenced to five years in the government prison at Atlanta.

After his release a few weeks ago Howard planned to take charge of George Batten's cattle breeding farm in New Jersey and manage the place. Howard then announced that he was willing to fight any charge against him. Commonwealth's Attorney Butner, of Fredericksburg, promptly replied that the embezzlement charge was pending and would be pressed to a trial. Howard returned to Fredericksburg, gave himself up and was released on \$5,000 bail.

TO BE CONSECRATED BISHOP

Dr. Thomas C. Darst Will Be Consecrated at Wilmington, N. C., on January 6.

Richmond, Dec. 28.—Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D. D., Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, chosen by the diocesan council on October 8, has been officially notified that he will be consecrated on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany in St. James Episcopal Church, Wilmington, N. C.

The three bishops taking part in the consecration will be Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, D. D., of Missouri, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in America; Rt. Rev. Joseph E. Cheshire, D. D., of North Carolina, and Rt. Rev. Robert A. Gibson, D. D., of Virginia. The sermon at the service will be preached by Rt. Rev. W. L. Gravatt, D. D., of West Virginia, and the presenters will be Bishop Coadjutor Beverly D. Tucker, of Southern Virginia, and Rt. Rev. William Guerry, Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., rector of St. James Church, Wilmington, will be master of ceremonies, and the two attending presbyters will be Rev. John M. Robinson, of Clarke county, Va., and Rev. C. A. Ashby, of Elizabeth City, N. C.

AUSTRIANS MEET ANOTHER SETBACK

Muscovites Capture Thirty Thousand Prisoners in Fights.

FORCED TO RETREAT

German Attack Upon Warsaw From West Completely Checked, According to Petrograd Reports.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—Via London, 3:16 P. M.—The investment by the Russians of the Austrian fortress of Cracow has again been raised.

Following the discovery of an attempt made by the Austrians to divide the Russian forces in Galicia the Russians retreated eastward for a distance of fifty miles.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—News of another crushing defeat administered to the Austrians has reached here. Official and unofficial reports indicate that the Russians have taken upward of 30,000 prisoners during recent fighting, and that the Austrians are on the verge of complete defeat at every point.

Decided advantages have been gained by the Russians in the Nida and Donajec valleys. It is reported that in the Carpathians the Austrians have again been driven back into the passes and that another Russian invasion of Hungary may soon be expected. The Austrians are declared to have been driven from Jaslo, fifty miles west of the besieged fortress of Przemyśl, and are reported in retreat on the line from Sanok.

Czar Nicholas is now at the front at the headquarters of Grand Duke Nicholas. Heavy fighting is still in progress along the Pilica river, southwest of Warsaw, but the Russian line is declared to be holding there against violent assaults of the Germans.

After suffering tremendous loss in assaults along the Bzura and Rawa rivers, the Germans continued today to confine their activity to a bombardment of the Russian positions. The main attack upon Warsaw from the west has been completely checked, it is claimed here.

It is admitted that the situation in northern Poland is again becoming threatening. The army of General Franco is believed to have been heavily re-enforced by troops drawn from the west, and it is officially admitted that Malwa has again been occupied by the Germans. This advance of the enemy from the southern portion of the east prussian frontier is being pressed with extreme vigor.

Both armies have now turned largely to sledges for transportation work. The Germans are bringing up heavy guns along the Bzura front on motor sledges.

PROPOSED NEW HOSPITAL

Definite arrangements for the new Alexandria Hospital building will be made tonight. This afternoon there will be a conference of the site, building and finance committees who will prepare a plan to be presented at tonight's meeting of the board of trustees which will be held in the Chamber of Commerce at eight o'clock.

DEATH OF MRS. CLINE

Winchester, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Mary M. Cline, of Middleburg, Loudoun county, died here Saturday. She was 76 years old, and was the widow of John T. Cline. She leaves five children, Alfred T. Cline, a resident of Alexandria, and Miss Corrie V. Cline, of Leesburg, Va.; Mrs. Selwyn K. Cockrell, of Leesburg, Va., and Misses R. Beulah and Frances Cline, of Winchester.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 28.—Fire broke out in the Pope and Cattle Lumber yards today, spread to the box factory at Atwood and McJannet and came so threatening that Boston and Everett were asked for help. The blaze was extinguished after a hard fight. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

MAKE AERIAL ATTACKS

English and French Aviators Drop Bombs upon German Positions

London, Dec. 28.—English and French aviators have carried out successful aerial attacks upon important aviation bases of the Germans at Metz and Brussels.

The aviation hangers at Frescaty, near Metz, were bombed and it is believed considerable damage was done. Bombs and arrows were dropped upon the railway station at Metz and upon military barracks at St. Privat, just outside the town.

A Brussels twelve bombs were dropped on the airship shed, six of which were effective. The German hangar was burned.

An unofficial dispatch received by the Exchange Telegraph Company from Rosendahl Holland says:

"It is rumored here that a Zeppelin was sighted near Nieuport yesterday morning and was shot at by the allies and all its occupants killed in the debris of the airship as it descended."

STRUCK BY A TRAIN

Man And Woman Instantly Killed by Express

Richmond, Dec. 28.—Blood marks on the front of his giant machine informed Engineer Thomas Brown, of train No. 51, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Thursday night, of an accident that had occurred somewhere north of Richmond.

Investigation showed that a colored man and his wife had been killed near Hall's Lane, just north of Millford, about 6 o'clock. It is said that the driver had left the crossing and was proceeding north on the southbound track, and was thirty feet from the crossing when the buggy was struck. The buggy was hurled from the tracks, the horse was killed and the man and woman must have died immediately.

The body of one was found sixty feet from the railroad tracks, and the body of the other lay twenty feet away.

Engineer Brown knew nothing of the accident until his train pulled into Richmond, when the blood-spattered front of the engine disclosed the tragedy which occurred. Investigation was begun immediately, and the bodies of the victims found. The name of the man and his wife was Morton, and they lived near Paiges.

"CORPSE" PUFFED CIGAR

Comforts Inside Hearse Sought by Returning Mourner

Jefferson, O., Dec. 28.—Panic was caused along the road between Jefferson and Chapel by the spectacle of what apparently was a corpse sitting upright in the middle of a hearse and serenely puffing a cigar.

The remains which had indulged in this unseemly performance were Will Hodge, of Jefferson. Hodge had attended the funeral of his aunt Mrs. Sarah Stevens of Chapel. On the long trip home after the interment Hodge started riding beside the driver of the hearse.

The intense cold soon chilled him to the bone and he obtained permission from the driver to get inside the glass side case. Here he soon got warm, and, to add to the comfort of his journey, he lighted a cigar. Rural folk along the way were terrified.

NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS

Gas bills for quarter ending December 1, 1914, having been delivered, this is to notify all gas consumers that all bills paid on or before January 1, 1915, will be entitled to a discount of 30 cents per 1000 cubic feet. After that date no discount will be allowed and all delinquents will be required to make an early settlement. By order of Committee on Light.

J. B. WALLER, Clerk of Gas

MEXICAN GENERAL AMONG MISSING

Whereabouts of Iturbide Give Administration Some Concern.

HIS LIFE DEMANDED

Villa Suspected of Temporarily With American Government—Concession to Zapata's Demand.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Mysterious disappearance in Mexico of Gen. Eduardo Iturbide Huerta governor of Mexico City, gave the administration considerable concern today. Messages to the State Department reported that Iturbide's life was demanded by Zapata.

It was also reported that Villa was temporizing in his professions to the Government that Iturbide would be released and given safe conduct to the United States. Villa was said to have gone no further than to promise Iturbide a fair trial, if captured—this a concession to Zapata's demands for Iturbide's arrest.

Since Iturbide left Mexico City, ostensibly for El Paso, following demands by the State Department for his release, no trace of the missing Huerta general has been found.

All administration officials were satisfied today that General Scott chief of staff had insured permanent cessation of firing upon American soil at Naco.

GIRL RIDES PILOT 200 MILES

Cleveland, Dec. 28.—A ride on a Lake Shore flyer's pilot from Buffalo to Cleveland, about 200 miles, was taken in the night by Laura Evans, a deaf mute, who thus risked her life in search of work. She was fined \$25 for violation of a railroad law and placed on probation.

"Why did you come to Cleveland," an officer wrote when the woman was in court.

"To get a job; I was desperate," was the written reply.

"Where is your home?"

"Nowhere. Nobody wants a mute around."

Murder Confessed.

New York, Dec. 28.—Confession to the murder of Louis Walters, night watchman for the American Paper Company, Bagota, New Jersey, was drawn from Garrett Stagg, of Hawthorne, New Jersey, it is alleged, by Sheriff Robert N. Heath. Stagg collapsed in his cell when told he was a "murderer."

Identification was made by fingerprints on the dead man's pay envelope. Stagg and other employees of the mills played cards Christmas eve. Stagg lost all he had. In the morning Mannes found Walters' body, his skull fractured and his pay envelope missing.

POISONED BY BUCKWHEAT

Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 28.—Nine people are ill in East Rockingham as a result of eating buckwheat cakes. Physicians in charge of the cases think that "jimson weed" or night shade, which was growing in the field was ground up into the buckwheat. Four of the number are seriously ill, though all are expected to recover. Several suffer from double vision and others are made unconscious. One of the men who ate of the cakes, Larry Hensley, was found wandering around in a dazed condition.

ATTENTION RED MEN.

Called meeting of Seminole Tribe No. 35, I. O. R. M., will be held at the Wigwam, Odd Fellows' Hall, at the Wigwam, Odd Fellows' Hall, on Tuesday December 29, 1914, to confer the degrees of the order on a number of Palefaces and for general work.

Geo. K. Bender, C. of R. By order, H. H. Newton, Sachem.

LOCAL BREVITIES

A dispatch from Petrograd, Russia, contains the following item: Among the celebrations Christmas day was a noonday dinner given to the Russian wounded at the new American hospital by Mrs. George T. Marye, wife of the American Ambassador.

On account of the illness of the Rev. J. W. Duffey, pastor of the Washington street M. E. Church South, his pulpit was filled last night by the Rev. E. V. Register, presiding elder of the Washington district.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at 713 Cameron street.

Miss Anna Bowie, of Fort Wayne, Ind., is the guest of Mrs. James A. Long.

Miss Ethel Jeffries, of Albemarle, is the guest of her cousins, the Misses Brown, on Queen street.

Mr. Lewis H. Fawcett, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mr. Richard H. Fawcett, of Detroit, Mich., spent Christmas with their grandfather, Mr. J. Wallace Hooff, in Prince street.

Mr. Elmer Thompson spent the week-end with Mr. Melvin Griffin, of Baltimore, Md.

Henry K. Field, of this city, grand junior warden of the grand lodge of Masons of Virginia, left today for Harrisonburg, where he will attend the 125th anniversary of the organization of the Masonic lodge in that city which will take place tonight.

The annual meeting of Alexandria Washington lodge, No. 22, A. F. and A. M., will be held this evening at 7:30 for the election and installation of officers.

RESULT OF A JOKE.

Man Shot by Brother-in-Law After Hiding His Veil.

Shot through the abdomen when he jokingly hid a new buckskin vest belonging to his brother-in-law, William P. Manning, of the Isabella Apartments, 1483 Newton street, northwest Washington, Grover C. Glascock, a grocer, of 2302 Fourteenth street northwest, died at 5:15 o'clock this morning at the Garfield Hospital.

Manning, a married man and the father of three children, is charged with the shooting.

He insists that the tragedy was accidental.

"I didn't mean to do it. I didn't have any grudge against Grover," sobbed the prisoner at police headquarters, where he was taken to be photographed and measured. "We had all been drinking a little," he continued. "I wasn't angry with Grover."

Couple Killed by Gas.

New York, Dec. 28.—The tragic end of a brief honeymoon was discovered when Giuseppe and Lena Ferraro were found dead in their home. They were married a month ago.

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FOUR WOMEN BURN TO DEATH

Fire in Cambridge, Mass., Home at Twelve O'clock Last Night.

85 ASLEEP AT THE TIME

Thrilling Rescues From Fire Escapes —Inmates Flee From Building in Their Night Clothes.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 28.—Four aged women were burned to death, more than half a dozen other persons were injured, and three policemen were overcome by smoke when flames starting at midnight swept the Cambridge City Home, on Tannery street North Cambridge.

Originating in a paint shop on the second floor of the three-story stone and wooden structure, the flames worked their way upward through a dumb-waiter into the women's dormitory on the third floor. Eighty-five women and nine children were asleep in this part of the building. The fire spread rapidly, and drove the inmates frantic, and clad only in night attire to the fire escapes and windows.

Three alarms were sounded and all the fire apparatus in Cambridge and some from Arlington and Somerville was rushed to the scene. Upon their arrival the firemen were handicapped for a time by frozen hydrants.

All the reserve police of Cambridge responded to the first alarm, and worked desperately to rescue the aged women. The building lacked adequate fire escapes, and many lives were saved only by the prompt and heroic action of the firemen and police, who took the aged people, many of them infirm and crippled and others feeble minded, out into the bitter cold.

One of the women smelled smoke and ran madly through the hall, knocking on doors and crying the place was on fire. Everyone said she was crazy and sent for an attendant to care for her. Then some one thought to look into the assembly room, and found smoke and flames pouring up from below. But ten precious minutes had been wasted in laughing at the "crazy" woman.

The dead are Mrs. Mary Dunn, Mrs. Annie Russell, Mrs. Catherine Kelliber, and Mrs. Theresa Forbes.

LIVE SNAKE IN STOMACH

Madison, Wis., Dec. 28.—One of the most unusual cases in the history of local medicine was revealed at a local hospital, when physicians submitting a woman from Waukegan, Dane county, to an X-ray examination, discovered that her stomach contained a live snake six inches long.

The woman had not suffered any pain up to the time of the discovery, but was greatly distressed when told of the results of the examination. The snake was removed without operating. It proved to be a reptile commonly known as the grass snake, nearly pure white. The hospital authorities refuse to make any statement regarding the case.

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citizens National Bank, held December 28th the regular semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent was declared, payable on or after January 2nd, 1915.

Richard M. Green, Cashier.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Odd Fellows' Joint Stock Company, will be held Monday evening, January 4th, 1915, at 8 P. M., at Odd Fellows' Hall on South Columbus street, Alexandria, Va.

C. C. BROOKS, President
W. H. SKINNER, Sec.

FOR SALE—Contents of small box, candy and novelty store, 829 Prince street. 28-19c